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5. [] Talked with Mr. Barkla, in the office of Senator William E. Proxmire, regarding an inquiry from a war widow, [] who criticized the payment to the widows of the four pilots killed in the Bay of Pigs operation. I told Mr. Barkla that in matters of this sort, the Agency maintained a policy of "no comment." However, I suggested that in responding to [] letter, they might point out that benefits provided members of the Armed Forces were established by Federal statute while the payments to these four widows was a matter of contract negotiation between the pilots and their employer. Mr. Barkla thanked me for this suggestion and said they would reply along these lines.

6. [] Talked with members of the staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee concerning hearings of Representative Dante B. Fascell's Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements. They advised that one series of hearings has terminated but that Mr. Fascell intends to continue hearings on the general subject of the Ideological Conflict Between Democracy and Communism. They added that Mr. Fascell hopes to arrange for a panel discussion on this subject in late April or early May. On a confidential basis, they advised that the Subcommittee is hopeful of having Mr. Weeks, of ATLANTIC MONTHLY, and a Mr. Bernice on this panel but indicated that all arrangements are extremely tentative. This information was passed on to [] CA Staff, who had advised that [] of RFE, who testified at hearings on the Captive Nations subject, had the feeling he might be called to testify before this Subcommittee.

7. [] Talked with [] OCL, regarding the two papers which they are preparing for Senator Jackson's National Security Staffing and Operations Subcommittee of Senate Government Operations Committee. [] said these papers were in the process of final DD/I coordination and should be ready for transmittal to the Subcommittee early in May.

8. [] Alerted Fred Mesmer, Senate Immigration Subcommittee staff, that at our request a private bill had been introduced in the House on a sensitive individual, that we expected speedy House action and would be in touch with him further to give him details.

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